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1. IRANIAN AND IRAQI MISSIONS HAVE SENT LETTERS TO SECURITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT GIVING THEIR VERSIONS OF LAST WEEKEND'S CLASH, BUT DO NOT INTEND TO ASK FOR COUNCIL MEETING. BOTH MISSIONS TELL US THEY WILL ALSO EXPLAIN THEIR POSITIONS TO SYG, BUT REQUEST NO ACTION.

2. MAIN DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TWO LETTERS IS THAT IRAQ CLAIMS PLANES WERE SHOT DOWN BY U.S. MISSILES OVER IRAQI TERRITORY, WHILE IRAN CONTENDS AIRCRAFT WERE IN IRANIAN AIR SPACE WHEN FIRED UPON. IRANIAN MISSION OFFICER REMARKED THAT CLASH WAS ADMITTEDLY CLOSE TO BORDER, BUT SAID HIS GOVERNMENT WAS CERTAIN IRAQI PLANES HAD LIMPED BACK TO IRAQ AFTER HAVING BEEN HIT OVER IRANIAN

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3. TEXT OF IRAQI AND IRANIAN LETTERS FOLLOW:

A. IRAQI LETTER (S/11582):

UPON INSTRUCTIONS FROM MY GOVERNMENT, I HAVE THE HONOUR
TO INFORM YOU OF THE FOLLOWING:

THE OFFICE OF THE IRAQI CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF ISSUED
A STATEMENT ON 16 DECEMBER 1974 CONCERNING THE SHOOTING
DOWN OF TWO IRAQI PLANES FLYING AT A HIGH ALTITUDE
WITHIN IRAQI AIR SPACE IN NORTHERN IRAQ BY UNITED STATES-
MADE HAWK MISSILES SUPPLIED TO AND USED BY THE IRANIAN
ARMED FORCES ON 14 AND 15 DECEMBER 1974.

THE SECURITY COUNCIL HAS BEEN INFORMED ON VARIOUS OCCASIONS
OF SOME ASPECTS OF THE RECURRENT IRANIAN ACTS OF AGGRESSION
AGAINST IRAQ, THE LATEST OF WHICH WAS THE SHELLING
OF THE QALA DIZA AREA ON 29, 30 AND 31 OCTOBER 1974,
WITH HEAVY ARTILLERY OF 175-MM- AND 203-MM-CALIBRE GUNS,
WHICH ARE ALSO OF UNITED STATES MANUFACTURE SUPPLIED
TO AND USED BY THE IRANIAN ARMED FORCES. THE SOURCE OF
SUCH ROCKETS AND MISSILES HARDLY REQUIRES ANY EVIDENCE;
SUCH HEAVY WEAPONS CAN BE POSSESSED AND USED ONLY BY
STATES HAVING REGULAR FORCES AND MASSIVE FINANCING.

EVER SINCE ITS UNILATERAL ABROGATION OF THE BOUNDARY
TREATY OF 1937 BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, IRAN, BACKED
BY THE FORCES OF IMPERIALISM, HAS RESORTED TO ACTS OF
INFRINGEMENT, VIOLATION AND ENCROACHMENT AGAINST THE
SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF IRAQ, WHETHER
ON ITS EASTERN FRONTIER OR ITS NATIONAL WATERS, INTER-
FERING THEREBY IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF IRAQ ON VARIOUS
PRETEXTS, IGNORING EVERY INTERNATIONAL CUSTOM AND VIOLATING
THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS, THE PRINCIPLES OF
INTERNATIONAL LAW AND THE PROVISIONS OF THE TREATY
OF 1937. IN FOLLOWING SUCH A POLICY, IRAN IS FULLY
AWARE OF THE FACT THAT IT IS COMMITTING AGGRESSION AGAINST
AN INDEPENDENT NEIGHBOR STATE AND A FOUNDING MEMBER
OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

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IRAQ WOULD LIKE TO BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF THE SECURITY
COUNCIL THE GRAVE CONSEQUENCES ENSUING FROM THE EN-
CROACHMENTS AND ACTS OF AGGRESSION BY IRAN AGAINST
THE SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF THE
REPUBLIC OF IRAQ. THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE ACTS COMMITTED
BY IRAN ARE OF SUCH GRAVITY THAT THEY THREATEN PEACE AND
SECURITY IN THE AREA.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF IRAQ HAS STATED ITS
RESOLVE AND DETERMINATION TO SAFEGUARD THE TERRITORIAL
INTEGRITY AND SOVEREIGNTY OF THE HOMELAND AND TO PRESERVE
ITS FULL RIGHTS. THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAQ HOLDS THE IRANIAN
GOVERNMENT AND THOSE WHO STAND BEHIND IT RESPONSIBLE
FOR THE CONSEQUENCES AND RESULTS OF THE ENCROACHMENTS AND
ACTS OF AGGRESSION IT COMMITS.

I HAVE THE HONOUR TO REQUEST THAT THIS LETTER BE CIRCULATED
AS A DOCUMENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

(SIGNED) ABDUL KARIM AL-SHAIKHLI
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE

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B. IRANIAN LETTER (S/11584)

LETTER DATED 18 DECEMBER 1974 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES,
A.I., OF THE PERMENENT MISSION OF IRAN TO THE UNITED
NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM MY GOVERNMENT I HAVE THE HONOUR TO

BRING THE FOLLOWING TO THE ATTENTION OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

IN DISREGARD OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE BILATERAL AGREEMENT REACHED BETWEEN IRAN AND IRAQ AND REFLECTED IN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 348 (1974) OF 28 MAY 1974, WHICH, INTER ALIA, COMMITS THE TWO PARTIES TO A STRICT OBSERVANCE OF THE CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENT OF 7 MARCH 1974, THE IRAQI GOVERNMENT HAS CONTINUED TO PURSUE ITS POLICY OF ARMED PROVOCATION AGAINST IRANIAN TERRITORY BY A VARIETY OF MEANS, INCLUDING VIOLATIONS OF IRANIAN AIR SPACE.

IN MY LETTER OF 6 SEPTEMBER 1974 ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL (S/11498), I HAD OCCASION TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL ONE OF THE MOST SERIOUS INSTANCES OF SUCH AIR VIOLATIONS RESULTING IN THE DEATH OF 15 CIVILIANS, INCLUDING NINE CHILDREN, AND THE WOUNDING OF SCORES OF OTHER VILLAGERS IN KOHNE-LAHJAN. IN THAT SAME LETTER, MY GOVERNMENT SERVED NOTICE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAQ THAT IT MUST ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CONSEQUENCES OF SUCH ACTIONS.

THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN HAS SINCE PROTESTED THROUGH BILATERAL CHANNELS AGAINST A SERIES OF SUBSEQUENT VIOLATIONS.

IRAQ HAS NEVERTHELESS CONTINUED TO FLOUT THE PROVISIONS OF THE BILATERAL AGREEMENT AND HAS CARRIED ITS AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOUR BEYOND THE REASONABLE LIMITS OF SELF-RESTRAINT AND PATIENCE WHICH MY GOVERNMENT HAD HITHERTO EXERCISED IN THE INTEREST OF PEACE AND TRANQUILLITY AND OF NORMALIZATION OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO NEIGHBOURING STATES.

ON THE AFTERNOONS OF SATURDAY, 14, AND SUNDAY, 15 DECEMBER 1974, SEVERAL IRAQI MILITARY AIRCRAFT PENETRATED IRANIAN AIR SPACE ACROSS OUR WESTERN FRONTIERS.

THE IRANIAN ANTI-AIRCRAFT UNITS, HAVING BEEN PLACED UNDER STANDING INSTRUCTIONS TO FIRE UPON ANY INTRUDING MILITARY AIRCRAFT, FORCED THE AGGRESSORS TO RETREAT, WHILE TWO OF THE IRAQI PLANES WERE REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN SHOT DOWN.

IN BRINGING THESE GRAVE VIOLATIONS OF IRANIAN AIR SPACE TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL, AND IN REGISTERING STRONG PROTEST AGAINST THEM, THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN WISHES TO STATE THAT IT WOULD NOT ALLOW SUCH ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN WITH IMPUNITY AND WOULD HOLD IRAQ RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONSEQUENCES OF SUCH ARMED PROVOCATIONS.

I WISH FURTHER TO INFORM YOUR EXCELLENCY THAT ON RECEIPT OF
INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ABOVE INCIDENT, THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAN MET THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS TO BRIEF HIM ON THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS ALONG THE IRANO-IRAQI FRONTIER.

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(SIGNED) MEHDI EHASSI
CHARGE D' AFFAIRES

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